

may be directed by the convening authority. At least two weeks' notice of the date of the sitting shall be given all officers ordered to appear for examination. Within twenty days after such examination said boards shall make a detailed report of their results to the Governor as Commander-in-Chief, and anyone failing to pass such an examination shall not be eligible for a commission in the National Guard of this State, or for promotion therein, for the period of one year from the date of such failure except upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of the regiment, or separate organization, as the case may be. The Governor as Commander-in-Chief may allow an examination to any officer who shall give him a satisfactory excuse for not appearing before said Board when first ordered. The Board so appointed shall be named for a specified term of service. The members of said Board, other than the recorder, shall be paid the sum of \$100.00 each per annum for all services in connection with such Board, and the recorder thereof shall be paid the sum of \$200.00 per annum for all services in connection with said Board.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 27.

**25.** Every officer duly commissioned shall, within ten days after his commission is tendered him, or within ten days after he shall have been notified personally or by mail that the same is held in readiness for him by a superior officer, take and subscribe to the oath of office required by the laws of this State and of the United States. Such oath shall be taken and subscribed to before an officer authorized by law to administer an oath, or some general or field officer who has taken the oath himself and who is hereby authorized to administer the same. In case of neglect or refusal to take and subscribe to such oath within the time mentioned, such commission shall be cancelled by the Governor and a new appointment shall be made.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 28.

**26.** Officers shall take rank from the date of commissions; an officer who has served in the same grade continuously, upon re-appointment, shall take rank from the date of his first commission in the grade.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 29.

**27.** The duties assigned to an officer by title in this Article shall devolve, in case of absence or disability to command of the officer named, upon the line officer next in rank, except as otherwise provided in this Article.

1916, ch. 311, sec. 30.

**28.** A commissioned officer shall not be removed from office without his consent, except by the sentence of a general court-martial or as provided in this Article.